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SOLVING RUHR PROBLEM.

GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS' SCHEME.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, October 9.

A group of Ruhr industrialists, headed by Herr Stinnes, who interviewed General Degoutte submitted to the Government of the Reich the following demands: compensation for coal confiscated since the Ruhr occupation and the forcibly levied coal tax, abolition of the coal tax on the Ruhr, that they guarantee all future deliveries, repatriation of coal to be placed in their hands, preferential treatment for the Ruhr in the supply of raw materials and foodstuffs, authority for the Industrialists' Commission to continue to negotiate with the occupation authorities and the extension of the working day to 8½ hours underground and ten hours above ground.

They also ask what is the Government's attitude towards the creation of a railway company in the occupied territory wherein the Rhineland-France industry would participate. Herr Stinnes asked for a reply by noon to-day. The Cabinet is discussing the demands.

BELGIUM'S ATTITUDE.

BRUSSELS, October 9.

The German charge d'affaires told the Foreign Minister, M. Jaspar, this morning that the German Government wished to collaborate in the resumption of work in the Ruhr and to resume deliveries of reparations coal. M. Jaspar promised to communicate with the French Government but said that anyhow the German Government must promise the industrialists who were ready to supply coal that it would pay therefor and the German railwaymen must be ordered to return to work.

OVERSEAS SETTLEMENT INQUIRY.

LONDON, October 9.

The economic conference decided to establish a committee to enquire into the whole question of overseas settlement and thrash out a profitable scheme. Sir P. Lloyd-Graeme, in the afternoon opened a debate on preference which he said was the underlying principle of the Government whose desire was that the conference should work out practicable steps to improve production and trade prospects in all parts of the Empire. He unfolded specific proposals the British Government desired to see carried out.

Mr. Ormsby Gore expressed gratitude for the proposals which would mean new hope for Mauritius and the West Indies. He said regarding tobacco that Nyasaland and Rhodesia would probably follow the line taken by South Africa for reciprocity between Crown Colonies and Dominions. This matter would be most beneficial. Mr. Innes on behalf of India stated that preference would never be accepted by India. He could not commit the Government of India to reciprocity of preference. The debate will be continued at further sittings.

RETURN TO WORK.

PARIS, October 10.

The German Chargé d'Affaires has been instructed to inform M. Poincaré, that the German government desires to discuss the question of the return to work in the Ruhr, and the resumption of reparations deliveries in kind. A semi-official French statement in the matter, intimates that it is improbable that the Franco-Belgian governments will agree to negotiate with other than the Ruhr authorities and employers and workers, but when work is fully resumed it will be permissible for Dr. Stresemann to request to be heard on the Reparations Commission regarding a settlement of future reparations.

JAPAN AFTERMATH.

TRADE BOOM.

LONDON, October 9.

Sir Edward Crowe addressing the Federation of British Industries on the subject of Japanese reconstruction, said the loss was not irreparable since Japan's credit stood as high as ever and that was no reason why a good share of the orders for steel-work and galvanised sheets should not come to Britain but keen competition from America was possible. Motor lorries also provided a good trade opening and he advocated a scheme whereby the Federation's agents should tour Japan. He remarked that the needs of Japan would be large. His Majesty's Government had commended to the Japanese authorities the possibilities of the Trade Facilities Act and Exports Credit Scheme and he hoped it would be made of the financial facilities thus afforded. Mr. Jenkins outlined the Federation's proposals mentioned on September 19 regarding constructional business.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS DISCUSSION.

LONDON, October 9.

At the resumption of the Imperial Conference on October 11, attention will be given to the question of the League of Nations in the affairs of Empire. The debate will be initiated by Lord Robert Cecil. It is anticipated in dominions circles, that Lord Robert Cecil's speech, Earl Curzon's reply and yesterday's utterances will lead to a second vigorous debate.

CHINA'S NEW PRESIDENT.

FRANKLY INQUITOUS PROCEEDING.

DAILY TELEGRAPH'S WARNING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, October 10.

The Daily Telegraph in an editorial says that the election of Tsao Kun suggests that China is inclined to stand upon her ancient ways whether for good or evil and the powers which have covenanted rights in China will do well to scan closely the course of events in the immediate future. Tsao Kun has been thrust into this position by those who have little sympathy with European development in China. It remains for us to watch the results of this frankly iniquitous proceeding for there will be little in international politics in the coming year that will rival in importance the action which those behind Tsao Kun will persuade him to adopt.

EMPIRE PREFERENCE.

FRUITS TO BE FREE.

LONDON, October 9.

Reuter learns that there is much gratification in dominions circles at Sir Phillip Lloyd Graeme's announcement to the economic conference that the Imperial Government is prepared to allow all dried fruits, currants and canned fruits in free while maintaining duties of June 10, two shillings and five shillings respectively on foreign products. The acceptance by the Imperial Government of the principle that these Empire grown products should be admitted duty free is regarded as of first-class significance.

HARRISONS CROSFIELD.

PROFIT FOR THE YEAR.

LONDON, October 9.

The report of Harrisons Crosfeld for the twelve months ended June 30 shows a net profit of £192,000 to which is added £45,000 brought forward from the previous year, making a total of £237,000. After deducting £137,000 for dividends of 6 per cent on cumulative preference shares and ten per cent on preferred ordinary shares the balance at credit of profit and loss account is £100,000. After payment of a dividend of ten per cent on deferred ordinary and management shares £66,000 will be carried forward.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

GERMANY'S ABILITY TO PAY.

WASHINGTON, October 10.

President Coolidge to-day said he saw little or nothing gainable in an endeavour to hold a world economic conference. The American Government would rest on its proposal to the European nations that an international commission should be formed to ascertain Germany's ability to pay reparations and no further steps on the matter would be taken.

MOTOR-GLIDER CONTEST.

LONG FLIGHT AT LYPNE.

LONDON, October 9.

A gusty twenty-five mile an hour wind did not interfere with the motor-glider tests at Lypne. Yesterday's results surprised even experts, one pilot exceeding eighty miles on a gallon of petrol and another climbing 6,600 feet. A pilot to-day covered 112 miles in 145 minutes, the longest nonstop flight hitherto.

ROYAL COMMISSION.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S SUGGESTION.

LONDON, October 9.

Mr. S. M. Bruce, Premier of Australia, in a speech at the Economic Conference, suggested the appointment of a Royal Commission to consider questions and schemes connected with obtaining a market for British and Empire agricultural products and to make recommendations to the present Conference.

U.S.A. NAVY ADDITION.

PHILADELPHIA, October 10.

The scout cruiser "Marblehead" was launched this afternoon. The vessel is the fourth of a series of ten planned on the lines of destroyers but seven times larger with a speed 35 knots, a battery of 12.6" rapid-firers, and equipped to carry a launch and aeroplanes and to lay mines.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS.

ENGLAND BEAT INDIA.

LONDON, October 9.

At Felixstowe in a lawn tennis match on Davis Cup lines, England (L. Godfree, D. Greig and C. Kingsley) beat India (C. Ramaswami, S. Hadi and S. Jacob) by three events to nil.

LEAGUE UNION.

NEW PRESIDENT.

HAGUE, October 10.

The Union of the League of Nations Societies has elected ex-minister Traut as president in succession to Herr Adenauer who was appointed honorary president.

AGAINST.

PORTLAND, October 10.

The American Federation of Labour has upheld, on a roll call, the resolutions of the committee which had reported against the formation of a separate political labour party.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10, 1923

A COMPARISON.

Budget time in the F.M.S. has been synchronised with that of Hongkong and it is interesting to note what His Excellency Sir Laurence Guillemard has had to say in introducing the estimates for the coming year to the members of the Legislative Council duly assembled. The revenue for the year is expected to exceed the expenditure by about one and a half million dollars, as compared with Hongkong's deficit over revenue of almost double that sum. In addition it is anticipated that at the end of this year the assets of the Colony will exceed its liabilities by almost \$60 million, of which some \$49 million will be liquid, although it is pointed out that the Government is committed to considerable extraordinary expenditure, and to loans of large amounts in the near future, especially in connection with Water Supplies in all Settlements, in which case it is advised that to obtain a thorough grasp of the real strength of the position it is well to treat the amount of cash involved in that extraordinary expenditure as represented by an earmarked portion of the surplus. The figures of income and expenditure for 1924 approximate to those of Hongkong being \$27,350,545, and \$25,384,383, respectively. Unlike Hongkong there has been, and is, no land boom in the F.M.S., and this but strengthens and gives added weight to the serious words given utterance to by our own Governor in referring to the Colony's land boom. Sir Laurence Guillemard reports that no sales of Crown Land took place during the year, and that the land markets were depressed. In spite of

this, the F.M.S. has had its problem in increased rents in which connection it introduced a Rent Restriction Ordinance as a War measure, and which is now discontinued. The decision has caused a certain amount of hardship but the step was inevitable and the Government has been driven to the conclusion that the only logical and economically sound solution of the Housing Question is to encourage building by private investors. So long as Rent Restriction was maintained there was a strong inducement to investors not to put their money into this form of property. Our own Rents Ordinance is not a War measure, and its introduction was made with due apology of its possible limited life in view of the fact that it was against all principles of economic procedure and likely to interfere with the laws of supply and demand, and probably divert capital to other sources of profit outside the Colony. This latter view was strongly supported, but events have not borne out the prediction, due, probably to the causes of the land boom, and also to the fact which we think will hardly be disputed that in the main the genius investor has either been ousted by or taken on the role of speculator, a fact which should not be overlooked when the time comes seriously to consider the continuance or otherwise of the Rents Ordinance. Like our own Public Works Department, that of the F.M.S. is apparently the largest spending department, a sum of \$7,350,000 being provided in the Annual Estimates for Public Works. It is interesting to observe the tone of remarks made in touching upon such important subjects as the Trade of the Colony, which show signs of improvement, and the question of unemployment, which in view of better trade conditions, is considered not so pressing as it was a year or eighteen months ago. All

things considered then the F.M.S. like our own Colony may be considered to be in a very satisfactory position. The proposed new Navy Base has drawn attention anew to the place and probably helped to dissipate the rather vague notions as to the value of Singapore. Local Constitutional Reformers will take fresh courage in reading that the system whereby the Council has been enlarged by the inclusion of representatives of various new sections of the community has tended to render the Council much more of a live body than was previously the case.

A C3 Nation.

The newly-issued Army Report shows that during 1921 nearly half the recruits who offered themselves for enlistment had to be rejected for physical reasons. Not only were they physically unfit, but their educational attainments were "distinctly less than before the war." That seems distinctly discouraging but must be considered part of the price we have had to pay for the years of fighting, when boys were left to grow up pretty much as they liked. There is no reason to think that the national physique is growing poorer, for the Ministry of Health tells a tale of such vigorous organisation and successful attack on disease as can hardly fail to bear fruit in a more stalwart generation. Great Britain may still be too much of a C3 nation, but conditions point to the fact of an upward tendency in all directions—and in the direction of that long-promised haven—a country fit for heroes to live in.

Limchow-fu.

Limchow-fu which has capitulated to a besieging force is one of the quietest Chinese Cities we ever remember having visited, judging it from one night's residence; when the quietness of the place seemed very pronounced. About 30 miles or so from Pakhoi, conveyance from one City to the other is generally done by chair and coolie—both of much repute. The journey by motor-bike, if the traveller happens to have one, is not quite good for the bike, but excellent for the liver. The number of Europeans in and around the place is small and some anxiety will be felt for Miss Bakewell who built the Anglican Church which is just outside the City and which has been hit by a shell, and also Miss Rogers, both of whom are well known in Hongkong. Probably both ladies are safe at Pakhoi where there is a beneficent work being done among lepers by the Mission Hospital—a work which to those who have seen lepers in all conditions of their loathsome disease excites a profound sympathy. News of what has happened since the City was taken will be awaited with interest.

Pacifist Novels.

We are all more or less familiar with what we may term the propagandist novel—the novel, which, in the guise of a more or less interesting story, seeks to point out the need of pressing reforms in certain directions, or preaches some needed social doctrine, or exposes alleged evils. Charles Dickens in his own time adopted the method, whilst in our own day, and writing from memory, the name of Eden Phillpotts occurs. France is now said to be experiencing a deluge of pacifist novels, which after an initial attempt either to suppress, or boycott them, are finding much favour. A two-volume novel dedicated by the author to his friend "in hatred of war" has been the means of founding a "League of Universal Peace." Another novel is dedicated "to those who call themselves 'Christians'" and is a story of much poignancy. The third is in diary form and has its own particular appeal. The authors all served in the war, and their denunciations of war and the war-torn have a background of personal experience which cannot be impugned whatever may be the interpretation of events. They are winning approval in war-torn France and helping to shed a new light on the institution and spirit of war.

The League of Nations.

Mr. Delisle Burns, author of "International Politics," etc., speaking at Oxford recently, compared public indifference to the League of Nations to that of the man who, told that his wife had fallen from the top of the house to her death in the street below, remarked, "Cook, only one egg this morning, please." Some persons, it is true, regard the League as a sleeping Endymion on whom the Powers may periodically imprint a diplomatic kiss; but even these more enlightened thinkers ignore the League idea as a vital force in International Politics. Probably the apathy of the first class and the illusions of the second are the main due to ignorance. Yet it is

hard to believe that there are still people not alive to the practical evidence of the work carried on in Geneva, to the hundreds of documents and periodicals which are being regularly issued by the Publications Department, and cover practically every problem with which the Nations are confronted. Among these problems are questions of Mandates, Frontiers, Armaments, and Constitutional Law; Public Health; those moral questions which possess political significance, such as the Opium Trade and the Traffic in Women and Children; and, most important of all, the Economic and Financial problems, upon the successful solution of which the recovery of this distracted world depends. To these last vital problems, Public Finance, Currency Exchanges, position of the Central Banks and International Debts, special attention has been paid. Moreover, the documents dealing with them are not simple statistical compilations. The methods by which the budgets are drawn up; financial changes which have been effected; the new monetary legislation which has been introduced—are fully explained and the figures interpreted in the light of the information given. Again, economic and financial Policy, in contrast to Results, will be found, first, in the statements submitted by the governments represented at the International Financial Conference at Brussels; second, in the volumes of memoranda by the various governments describing the extent to which they have been able (during the course of the two or three years succeeding the Conference) to put the resolution of that Conference into effect. Finally, in the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics the data given in detail in the annual publications, are summarised and kept up to date. It is obvious that an amelioration of the present world economic condition can only be accomplished if authoritative action be backed by the full force of public opinion, and that public opinion itself founded on a full knowledge of the facts. These facts any one can learn by a regular reading of League Periodicals and Documents. The number and nature of the publications necessary for any individual would naturally depend upon the extent to which he intends to follow the work of the League and upon the purpose for which he requires the information. Below, therefore, are suggested graduated groups of periodicals and documents varying in completeness, but in each case suitable to some type of student. Whereas one group will meet the demands of the most exacting specialist, others cater for the more modest requirements of the man whose interest is at present (and we hope, only at present) more general than particular.

1. The simplest and most readable—in fact, a popular account of all activities in the Monthly Summary, a subscription to which is 5s. per annum.
2. A fuller, partially documented, order should include the Monthly Summary, the "Report to the Assembly on the Work of the Council," and the "Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by the Assembly."
3. A still more documented record would include the Monthly Summary; Minutes of the Session of the Council (contained in the Official Journal, Annual subscription, £2 10s.); and "Records of the Plenary Meetings of the Assembly."
4. A combination giving records of all final actions of the League and discussions leading up to it would include the Monthly Summary, Official Journal (1923, £2 10s.); Records of the Assembly.

We hope the suggestion will be considered by our readers. What the Colony needs is a branch of the League of Nations Union.

Today's Poem.

(Here Little is Best.)
He that is down needs fear no fall.
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.
Fullest to such a burden is
That good pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

—JOHN BUNYAN.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

OCTOBER 10.
1773. There was this day the most terrible storm of wind and rain that I ever remember. It made such an awful impression on us all, as to produce, for some time, a kind of diurnal quietness in the house. The day was passed without much conversation. Boswell.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

October 10.—Coronet Theatre: Johnnie Walker in "Captain Fly-by-Night." Buster Keaton in "The Pale Face."

October 10.—Star Theatre: Charles Ray in "A Tailor-Made Man."

October 10.—World Theatre: William Farnum in "A Tale of Two Cities."

SOCIAL.

October 13.—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

October 19.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps' third and final promenade concert of the season.

November 2.—Navy League Ball at City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

BAZAAR.

October 11.—Sale of work in aid of Building Fund at St. Paul's Girls' School, 74, Caine Road, from 2 to 9 p.m.

LAND SALE.

October 11.—At P. W. D. Offices, two lots of Crown Land, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

October 11.—Lamont Bros., at "Kingsclere," Kennedy Road, a quantity of valuable household furniture, etc., at 11 and 2.30 p.m.

MEETINGS.

October 15.—Extraordinary general meetings at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., and the Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., at 11 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. respectively.

October 19.—Meeting of Creditors of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co. Ltd. (in liquidation) at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 5 Queen's Road Central, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The attention of Club Secretaries is drawn to a notice in another part of this issue.

The prospectus of the Hongkong Technical Institute is to hand giving particulars of the session, subjects taught and staff of lecturers.

Another chapter to the crime annals of the Colony was written last night when four armed robbers succeeded in getting away with loot valued at \$85 from the second floor of No. 29, Yee Chow Street, Sam Shui Po, the residence of a Chinese contractor and his family.

A Chinese was sentenced to two months' jail with hard labour by the Marine Magistrate (Commander C.W. Beckwith R.N.) this morning, for having been unlawfully aboard the s.s. "Tjikarang." Evidence was given, that he was detected stealing money from the second officer's cabin.

At the Hongkong Volunteer Headquarters yesterday afternoon, 35,000 square feet of Crown land at Pokfulam were sold by auction by Mr. Parker Rees, Superintendent of Crown Lands. Bidding started from the upset price of \$11,500 and was moderately brisk. The land was sold to Mr. Chan In-ye for \$27,200.

The Manila Times says: Each individual in the Philippines smoked 220 cigarettes and four cigars, drank one-half liter of distilled spirits, and consumed 27 kilos of raw tobacco during the first six months of this year, according to internal revenue figures. These calculations are made on the basis of 10,000,000 population for the Philippines.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Chairman, read a letter from the Government relating to an application for the installation of a water closet on the Peak stating that the situation as regards the water supply had now so far improved as to admit of the application being granted. There was no other business of public interest. The members present, in addition to the Chairman, were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. J. A. Fraser (Secretary).

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. E. Scriven and Mr. V. L. Farley returned to the Colony by the "St. Albans."

Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell, Mr. F. A. Tobias, Mr. G. Gibson, Mr. Joe Gubbay and Dr. and Mrs. McCandless were passengers on the outgoing "President Taft."

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per E. A. "Safura" on Oct. 7. Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Feldner, Mr. A. U. Reale, Miss F. Bond, Mr. F. L. Decker, Miss H. G. L. Mills, Mr. E. L. Dubetoff, Mr. H. C. Thomson, Miss M. N. T. Carter and Mr. J. B. Scott.

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LADY WINS THE PRIZE.

POPULAR CINEMA FILM CONTEST.

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The many competitors who entered last week's voting contest for cinema pictures recently exhibited in Hongkong will be pleased to learn that the competition has been won by one of the fair sex. The lady's name is

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CORRECT LIST.

According to the total number of votes registered, the following ten films were placed in this order:—

1. ROBIN HOOD
2. THE THREE MUSKETEERS
3. THE KID
4. THE MARK OF ZORRO
5. LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY
6. FOOLISH WIVES
7. HUNTING BIG GAME IN AFRICA
8. POLLYANNA
9. MOLLY O'
10. NANOOK OF THE NORTH

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The A. P. C., Hongkong.
M. T. Sin,
General Electric Co.
Surjan Singh,
Queen's College.
K. Y. Wong,
74, Des Voeux Road Central.
G. Chue,
17, Wong Nei Chong Road.
Miss Ophelia Edmunds,
1, Tramway Path.
Louis Chan,
Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co.

PULL OF THE CINEMA.

Evidence of the attraction of the cinema in Hongkong and the growing popularity of the *China Mail's* entertaining contest was forthcoming in the large number of votes polled. There were entrants from practically all classes of the community here as well as in Canton and Macao.

COMPETITORS' TASTES.

As will be seen from the result of the poll there is a Douglas Fairbanks boom. At any rate the majority of lady entrants planned their faith to him. It would be difficult to define the taste of the of them were chivalrous enough to give pride of place to films in which actresses were stars. Chinese competitors invariably had a warm spot for the comedians, Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd. Curious features of the vote were that those who favoured Foolish Wives usually included Atlantide.

PLEASE NOTE!

Nobody forecasted the whole list correctly although some had the ten chosen by all the entrants, but not in the right order throughout. More than half—if not even higher—of those who picked Robin Hood, put it in the first place. The Kid's final position was a pitfall to many and another unlooked for stumbling block was the place it occupied in relation to the Fairbanks' pictures. Quite a large number had the first four films in the first four places but mostly in an incorrect order. Where other competitors lost out was in placing Robin Hood, The Three Musketeers and The Mark of Zorro too far down and attaching too much importance to Nanook of the North. Another criterion of cinema tastes, that may only be a coincidence is that competitors who included Little Lord Fauntleroy and Twin Beds, put them fairly high.

A few individual votes were rendered void through being put twice in the same coupon. The coupon itself was not disqualified but the repetition of a film which had been included in the same coupon—was neglected, both for poll and comparison with the correct solution. There were two or three lists written out in alphabetical order. The rules and explanation will

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THE RUNNING.

After the first batch of votes had been registered there was no doubt that Robin Hood would win although Doug's other picture, The Three Musketeers, refused to be shaken off but it never really threatened danger. The Kid and The Mark of Zorro had a close race throughout, both having the lead on several occasions, but The Kid was more favoured by the last batch of coupons and thus took third place a fair distance behind second. There was a big gap between fourth and fifth but only the smallest of margins separated Little Lord Fauntleroy, Foolish Wives and Hunting Big Game in Africa, three films of entirely different character. As they were written next to one another on the adjudicators' chart, excitement was kept up till the end as there was never more than twenty votes between the three. Much further back was Pollyanna, slightly ahead of Molly O' which in turn barely beat the Esquimaux film by a narrow verdict. Outside of the winning ten, close up and placed at small regular intervals were The Third Atlantide and The Pilgrim. Next to these were Carnival, White New York Sleeps and The Iron Trail.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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AMOY NEWS.

POSSIBLE LOOTING
FEARED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Monday, October 8.
The military situation in the Amoy district remains unchanged. Although a little business is now possible the present uncertain position does not lend itself to confidence, and danger of looting is considerable while large bodies of troops remain in the vicinity.

The situation in the city of Amoy has improved, consequently the majority of native business houses have reopened, while large deposits placed with foreign banks for safety have been withdrawn, all pointing to a resumption of confidence.

General Chang has soon discovered that it is not an easy task to maintain a considerable army and leave a sufficiently large surplus of revenue for personal requirements when only a limited territory is available for taxation. He has realized that there is a limit to taxation and considers that a capital levy is necessary at this phase, when a sum of money might buy off the investing troops who cannot capture him or take Amoy, and are quite willing to go somewhere else if he makes it worth their while.

Having no basis on which to collect income tax returns are not available as a source for necessary information in China at present, he is reported to have authorized a levy on all property on a basis of two months' rent, one month to be paid by the owner and one by the tenant, expecting to obtain nearly \$1,000,000 with which to carry on. For some considerable time past he has obtained a large rake off on the Electric Power Station for all bills are surcharged for military expenses, but it is understood that diamond net diamond, for the manager of the company, which is a private concern, collected the surcharge and by keeping his records and surcharge account in arrears managed to escape to Shanghai with enough of the General's cash to compensate him for his lost position.

AMOY-KULANGSU
TELEPHONE.

A longstanding requirement has at last become possible and a cable will be laid within the next few days connecting the International Settlement of Kulangsu with Amoy.

The H.M.S. "Bluebell" has left the port and U.S.S. "Helen" remains the sole reminder of a battle which did not come off.

CHINA CONFERENCE.

Further support of Sir Robert Ho Tung's proposal for a Round-table Conference is contained in replies from the Bankers' Guild of Ningpo and the Nankai Chamber of Commerce, which voice enthusiastic approval of the step.

The Bankers' Associations of Hangchow, Tsinanfu, and Shanghai have written to Sir Robert Ho Tung saying that they welcome his initiative in calling for a Round-table Conference and pledging him their unqualified support and wishing him success in his scheme.

A CORRECTION.

A courteous and careful reader of *The China Mail* points out that our references in the past to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs as Earl Curzon is incorrect. The correct title is Marquis Curzon of Kedleston as it is twelve months since he was advanced in rank from Earl to Marquis on the dissolution of the Coalition Ministry. *The China Mail* is given credit for avoiding the blunder committed by one of our contemporaries in dubbing him Viscount, a rank which it is believed he never held. Viscount Curzon is an M.P., representing South Battersea, and holds the courtesy title of the eldest son of Earl Howe.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

INVITATION TO TEAM FROM SHANGHAI.

At the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion, last evening, a meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Club took place.

Mr. L. G. Bird, who presided, remarked that last year the club, after paying all expenses, had finished the season with a balance in hand of one dollar!

The following officers were elected: Captain, Mr. B. D. Evans; Vice-Captain, Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell; Hon. Sec. Mr. A. Bower; Hon. Treas. Mr. G. R. Piercy. Mr. Blackey was elected to form, with the above, the complete committee.

On the motion of Mr. Mitchell, it was agreed that this year all members should, in addition to the subscription of \$5 pay their own fares to and from away matches.

Mr. Mitchell also said that he knew the Shanghai hockey players were keen to come to the Colony to play the Club team, the Indians and the Army and Navy. As the only permanent club in the Colony, he thought the invitation to Shanghai should be sent by them. After discussion, the speaker moved this as a proposition which was carried, it being decided that a meeting to arrange matters be held on a reply being received from Shanghai.

The question of a ground came up for discussion and it was agreed that the Club, through Mr. Bird, apply for a space to be allotted to them when, as was proposed King's Park should be divided up into recreation grounds.

AQUATICS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
LOCAL A. A. F.

The ninth annual aquatic sports, under the auspices of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Federation, were held in the V.R.C. swimming pool yesterday afternoon. The various schools which the Federation embraces being represented in large numbers both among the competitors and spectators. The institutions taking part were the Saiyungpui, Ellis Kadoorie and Kowloon British Schools, St. Paul's, St. Joseph's and Queen's Colleges, St. Joseph's College entered the greatest number of competitors, but the preponderance gave them very little advantage under the arrangements at yesterday's meeting. St. Joseph's boys did very well both individually and as a team. In addition to winning the senior and small boys team races St. Joseph's boys also secured the championship medals of both classes.

In a few appropriate remarks Mr. A. E. Donohue, Secretary of the Federation, invited Mr. Wong Kam-ying, Chairman of the Federation, to distribute the prizes at the end of the sports.

After expressing his pleasure in performing the function Mr. Wong referred to China's participation in the Far Eastern Olympic games in which the Chinese had never been able to hold their own in swimming against the Japanese and Filipinos. He hoped the good form displayed here would act as an incentive to local Chinese and that they would strive to develop this branch of sport so as to be able to beat their opponents in the Far Eastern Olympiad ere long.

The presentation of prizes then took place.

The following were the results:

Senior 50 yds.: 1, A. May; 2, Yeung Ping-kwai; 3, J. R. Bearne. Junior 50 yds.: 1, Lai Sze-chiu; 2, Sung Cheuk-pui; 3, Lau Kwok-yin.

Small boys 25 yds.: 1, G. A. Nonoh; 2, William Gould; 3, B. Gosano. Senior 200 yds. breast stroke: 1, Ho Pak-ping; 2, Herbert Wong; 3, Ip Kiu-ying.

Junior 50 yds. back stroke: 1, Lai Sze-chiu; 2, Chan Tak-fung; 3, Wong Kan fan.

Small boys 50 yds.: 1, L. Roza Pereira; 2, Ng Wai-man; 3, B. T. Gosano. Senior long plunge for distance: 1, U. Man-kit; 2, Mak Kai-hung; 3, Ho Shai-lai.

Junior 100 yds. breast stroke: 1, Lai Sze-chiu; 2, Ng Yuk-kwan; 3, Ko Sik-chuen. Senior 100 yds.: 1, A. May; 2, Yeung Ping-kwai; 3, J. A. Bearne. Small boys 50 yds. breast stroke: 1, B. Gosano; 2, Fung Hon-chun; 3, Chan Ka-huen.

Senior fancy diving: 1, A. Kit-chell; 2, A. May; 3, Tong Wai-lit. Junior 200 yds.: 1, Lai Sze-chiu; 2, Lau Kwok-yui; 3, Ko Sik-chuen. Small boys' team race: 1, St. Joseph's College; 2, Kowloon British School.

Senior 100 yds. back stroke: 1, A. May; 2, Ho Pak-ping; 3, Tong Tan-chiu. Junior fancy diving: 1, Chan Sze-chiu; 2, Lam So-yung; 3, F. Siu-ai.

Senior team race: 1, St. Joseph's College; 2, Queen's College. Junior team race: 1, Queen's College; 2, Ellis Kadoorie School. Senior 440 yds.: 1, A. May.

RACING NOTES.

SCHEME TO ACCELERATE
TOTE PAYMENTS.

MR. RUMJAHN'S VIEWS.

At each race meeting held at Happy Valley since the public were excluded from the Members' Enclosure, complaints have been made that the system of separate totalisators has led to delay in paying out winning tickets.

In an interview with Mr. C. H. Blason, acting clerk of the course, a *China Mail* reporter was told that Mr. U. Rumjahn was in a better position to explain matters and suggest remedies.

Mr. Rumjahn, seen yesterday, stated that while there undoubtedly was delay in posting up the dividends in the Members' Enclosure, it was unavoidable under present circumstances. When told that complaints had been made that the paying out clerks were slack and uncivil, Mr. Rumjahn promised that steps should be taken to remedy this at future meetings.

Asked why there was unavoidable delay in posting-up dividends, Mr. Rumjahn stated that while the names of the placed horses were telephoned to him from the judges' box, he could not accept the responsibility of paying out until the judges' message was confirmed by the numbers on the "telegaph" board.

This system took time as the "telegaph" board operator opposite the totalisator in the public enclosure had to await the posting of the numbers at the board by the judges' box.

Mr. Rumjahn stressed the necessity of accuracy and related how a clerical error at the last Spring Meeting had cost him many thousands of dollars.

Another reason militating against speed is the fact that the ticket books from the members' totalisator (or an extract therefrom) have to be delivered at Mr. Rumjahn's office in the public enclosure, so that the figures can be checked and added to the totals of tickets sold in the public enclosure. The distance between the two totalisators is considerable and the messenger, carrying messages between the two points, seldom has a clear passage.

PROPOSED REMEDY.

To remedy the existing state of affairs Mr. Rumjahn suggests that the Jockeys' Stewards' and weighing rooms should be removed to where the members' totalisator be installed in the building now reserved for jockeys and stewards. If this change were made, contact could be established between the two totalisators without necessitating a messenger having to make his way to and fro through the on-lookers in the two enclosures.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

"I consider Mr. Rumjahn's proposal an excellent one," said Mr. Blason this morning, "and I shall certainly bring it to the notice of the Stewards at the first opportunity."

Mr. Blason did not hold out much hope of the change being put into effect before the Spring Meeting, as so many repairs were needed. For instance the typhoons of August did immense damage to the stables. They must be patched up to carry over the big meeting.

Plans are awaiting the decision of a full attendance of Stewards for the erection of new stables. Mr. Blason told the *China Mail* man.

If the new plans are adopted a stable with two tiers of stalls will be erected. Accommodation for the Manager and rooms for the mafios will be on the second storey, or possibly a third will be added.

"We are terribly cramped for space," said Mr. Blason, "but as the Stewards have abandoned hopes of obtaining a site for stables elsewhere, it has been decided to build on our present property."

Mr. Blason fell in with the suggestion that possibly in future the golfers would obtain a course elsewhere, which would permit the Jockey Club to obtain space inside the course for the erection of stables and the laying out of a steeple-chase course.

To-morrow's issue of the *China Mail* will contain an interview with Mr. C. C. Boyd on the possibilities of laying out a permanent steeple-chase course, so that the present anomalous situation of the Jockey Club including jump races in their fixtures, when no schooling ground is available, can be remedied.

In conclusion, our representative once again reminded Mr. Blason of the public outcry for a totalisator board, and was told that the matter was having the consideration of the Stewards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BUSINESS ON AGENDA
FOR TO-MORROW.

The business for the Council meeting to-morrow includes financial minutes and the following bills, to be moved by the Hon. Attorney General.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1896.

First reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend further the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910.

Second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to prevent certain fraudulent transfers of businesses.

The second reading of the Budget will not be taken until next week.

CHINA COAST.

LATEST SHIPPING
CHANGES.

Captain R. Turnbull, of the "Tea," has gone master, "Taming."

Captain C. H. Walker, of the "Taming," has gone master, "Tea."

Captain P. R. Purslow, of the "Suiyang," is on reserve.

Captain N. H. Leitch, from reserve, has gone master, "Suiyang." Mr. J. Whyte has been appointed second officer, "Kwaiyang."

Captain G. D. S. Mills, from reserve, has gone master, "Chungking."

Captain H. P. Carver, of the "Chungking," has gone master, "Shengking."

Mr. S. Aherne, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Chungking."

Captain J. C. Laing, from leave, has gone master, "Kwangping."

Mr. J. Sparling, supy second officer, "Kaiping," has gone supy second officer, "Kwangping."

Mr. E. Hempel, supy second officer, "Kwangping," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Courtney, acting second engineer, "Kwangping," has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. M. Huddleston, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Kwangping."

Mr. J. D. Bertram has been appointed third engineer, "Shengking."

Mr. C. Jarvis, third engineer, "Shengking," has gone third engineer, "Soochow."

Mr. J. Gordon, third engineer, "Soochow," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Hamilton, chief engineer, "Sinking," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Baxter, from leave, has gone chief engineer, "Sinking."

Mr. W. Meckay, third engineer, "Liangchow," is on reserve.

Mr. D. R. Fyfe, third engineer, "Foochow," has gone third engineer, "Liangchow."

Mr. D. G. Burleigh, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Loksang."

Mr. D. J. Cairns, acting chief officer, "Loksang," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. O. V. R. Basham, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Taksang."

Mr. W. A. Kernan, chief officer, "Taksang," is on reserve.

Mr. E. McPatterson, from leave, has gone second officer, "Kwong-sang."

"C.A.G. Roberts has been appointed second officer, "Luenho."

Mr. W. Brewer has been appointed master, "Hydrangea."

Mr. C. S. Robb, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Sanning."

Captain G. Williams of the "Taming," is on leave.

Mr. G. J. Spink, chief officer, "Taming," has gone acting master, same ship.

Mr. H. R. Edmondson has been appointed chief officer, "Taiming."

Mr. H. M. Rogers, from reserve, has gone supy third officer, "Haihong."

Mr. A. Allan, third officer, "Haihong," is on leave.

Mr. D. Mackenzie, third officer, "Taikoo Wan Yi," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. L. W. Harrison, second officer, "Taikoo Wan Yi," has gone second officer, "Fatsan."

Captain J. Cook, from leave, has gone master, "Kwonggal."

Mr. H. Cornwell, from acting master, "Kwonggal," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. A. Campbell, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kochow."

Mr. J. W. Cartwright, from acting chief officer, "Kochow," has gone chief officer, "Yue Ying Wah."

Mr. A. S. T. Gullam, chief officer, "Yue Ying Wah," has gone second officer, "Kinsan."

Mr. J. T. Copland, second officer, "Kinsan," is on reserve.

GOLF.

RESULTS OF HOLIDAY
MATCHES.

The following are the results of competitions played at Fanling, on the 6th, 7th and 8th October:
Bogey Pool: Won by Mr. A. B. Stewart, 1 down.

Captain's Cup Qualifying Competition: Winner, E. Grimbale, 94-17-77 net.

Winner of Captain's Cup Pool: A. K. Mackenzie, 85-6-79 net.

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PEKING POLITICS.

PRESIDENT ANXIOUS OF
MUKDEN ATTITUDE.

PEKING, October 8.

President Tiao K'un is still anxious regarding the attitude of Chang Tso-lin, and he has despatched Pao Kuei-ching and Yuen Chang to Mukden to discuss the subject of reconciliation.

As regards the rumours of an outbreak of hostilities between the Chihli and Fengtien forces, it is understood that, in spite of President Tiao K'un's election, Chang Tso-lin does not intend taking any military measures at present unless there are developments in the Yangtze Valley. If the Kiangsu Tsuchan invades Chekiang, then Chang Tso-lin will be obliged to intervene.

President Tiao K'un will arrive in the capital to-morrow afternoon.

Later, it was stated that President Tiao K'un will take the oath of office at noon on Wednesday at the Chu Je Tang, in the presence of the members of both Houses, and afterwards the members of the Cabinet will enter and offer their congratulations.

CHEUNG CHAU.

The island (known also as Dumbell Island) is enjoying to the full the spell of glorious weather much to the satisfaction of residents who are there in good force from Hongkong and Canton. Houses suffered somewhat from the recent typhoon but repairs are speedily being effected. Mr. Ray T. Cowles is busy again on his Chinese Dictionary. The original matter was destroyed in the earthquake in Japan and the work has to be done over again.

The railway is being strongly guarded between Pao-fingfu and Peking by the troops of the Twenty-third Division and others.

PROBABLE PREMIER.

The governing Cabinet will continue in office until a permanent Cabinet is formed.

Wu Yu-lin is regarded as the most likely candidate for the Premiership.

The financial situation is as bad as ever, but it is reported that the new President will find the funds to pay the troops, police and gendarmerie here and the staffs of the Ministries.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

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Marie Prevost, m.p.

Marie Prevost, motion picture actress, has just admitted in Los Angeles that she was the Mrs. Marie Gerke against whom H. C. Gerke has filed suit there for divorce, charging desertion. They were married in 1918, but even the actress' best friends were unaware she had ever been married. She has frequently been reported engaged, the last time in 1922, to Kenneth Harlan, also a motion picture actor.



Grover C. Bergdoll

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire Philadelphia youth, son of an Americanized German brewer, who evaded the draft rather, he boasted, than fight against his German kinsmen and who escaped from a military guard when he got them to take him on his way to Maryland, where he said he had \$100,000 in gold buried, fled to Germany. Several unsuccessful efforts, believed to have been engineered by American Legion members in Paris, to kidnap him were made. In the last effort men entered his room in a hotel in Eberbach, Germany, and sought to seize him. Bergdoll killed one and hit a thumb off another. A "Russian prince" and "an American army officer" were arrested as confederates of the men who tried to kidnap the slacker.



William Mooney

Postmaster William Mooney, of Washington, has what is probably the largest shotgun in captivity. It was confiscated by game wardens from pot-hunters in the lower reaches of the Potomac River. The blunderbuss was mounted on a motorboat and was said to have brought down 500 ducks at one shot. It weighs 150 pounds and is nine feet long.

Miss C. Ellen Dunbar
Miss Aurora Pierce

Miss C. Ellen Dunbar, of Plymouth, Vt., is the country school mistress who taught "Cal" Coolidge his "three R's." She remonstrated well that the new tactful President of the United States was a mischievous lad but an excellent scholar. Miss Aurora Pierce, the housekeeper in the home of Colonel J. C. Coolidge, the President's father, at Plymouth, Vt., can bake the best pies in the world, President Coolidge declares, and he shows a particular fondness for her rhubarb pies.



Capt. Charles Nungesser and Brichen

The romance of Captain Charles Nungesser, French ace of aces, and Miss Consuelo Hirsaker, of New York, daughter of James Hiramaker, culminated in their marriage at Dinard, France, before a notable gathering. The bride is considered one of the most beautiful girls in the American colony in Paris.



E.T. Clark & John D. Sullivan

Fifteen-year-old John Daniel Sullivan, of Washington, a page in the United States, Senate called upon Edward T. Clark, President Coolidge's private secretary in the temporary White House in the Hotel Willard, and offered his services as "messenger to the President during the Senate recess. The youth wanted to serve without pay.



Charles P. Laird

Charles P. Laird, wealthy and prominent steel manufacturer, was found mysteriously slain in his automobile on a lonely road off the Girard Highway, near Erie Pa. Laird's body was propped against the steering wheel of the car, with three bullet wounds in his head. A woman was suspected. Laird was superintendent of the Homestead Works of the Carnegie Steel Company, one of the largest mills of the U. S. Steel Corporation.



Earl of Cavan

Field Marshal the Earl of Cavan, who won fame during the World War as commander of the British armies that rushed into Italy and saved the day after the disastrous defeat of the Italians on the Piave River, has been appointed commander-in-chief of all the British armies.



Princess Meer Damady

Dressing dolls in a little factory on the famous and dingy East Side of New York City is the way Princess Meer Damady, of Persia, is studying sociology. The Princess, wealthy member of the Sifavis Dynasty of Persia, goes to work at 9 o'clock in the morning and works until 5 p.m. to study her American working sister. In the Fall she will enter Wells College, Aurora, N. Y., to take a course in sociology and economics. Following this she will tour America to get a general view of the American woman. She intends to use all she can learn here to better the condition of the Persian women.



Mrs. Mary Hazel

Calvin Coolidge has his Aunt Mary, just as William Howard Taft had his Aunt Delia. Aunt Delia became famous because her nephew thought she baked the best pies in the world. Aunt Mary—she is Mrs. Mary Hazel, of West Roxbury, Mass.—has achieved fame because she and she alone can make mayonnaise salad dressing to please Mr. Coolidge. Here is Aunt Mary's recipe: "Cream one cup of butter very lightly. Stir smoothly together the yolks of four eggs, one tablespoonful of mustard and one teaspoonful of salt. Add very slowly one cup of olive oil and half a cup of lemon juice and vinegar, pouring first the oil, then the lemon and then the vinegar. Or use all lemon juice and no vinegar."

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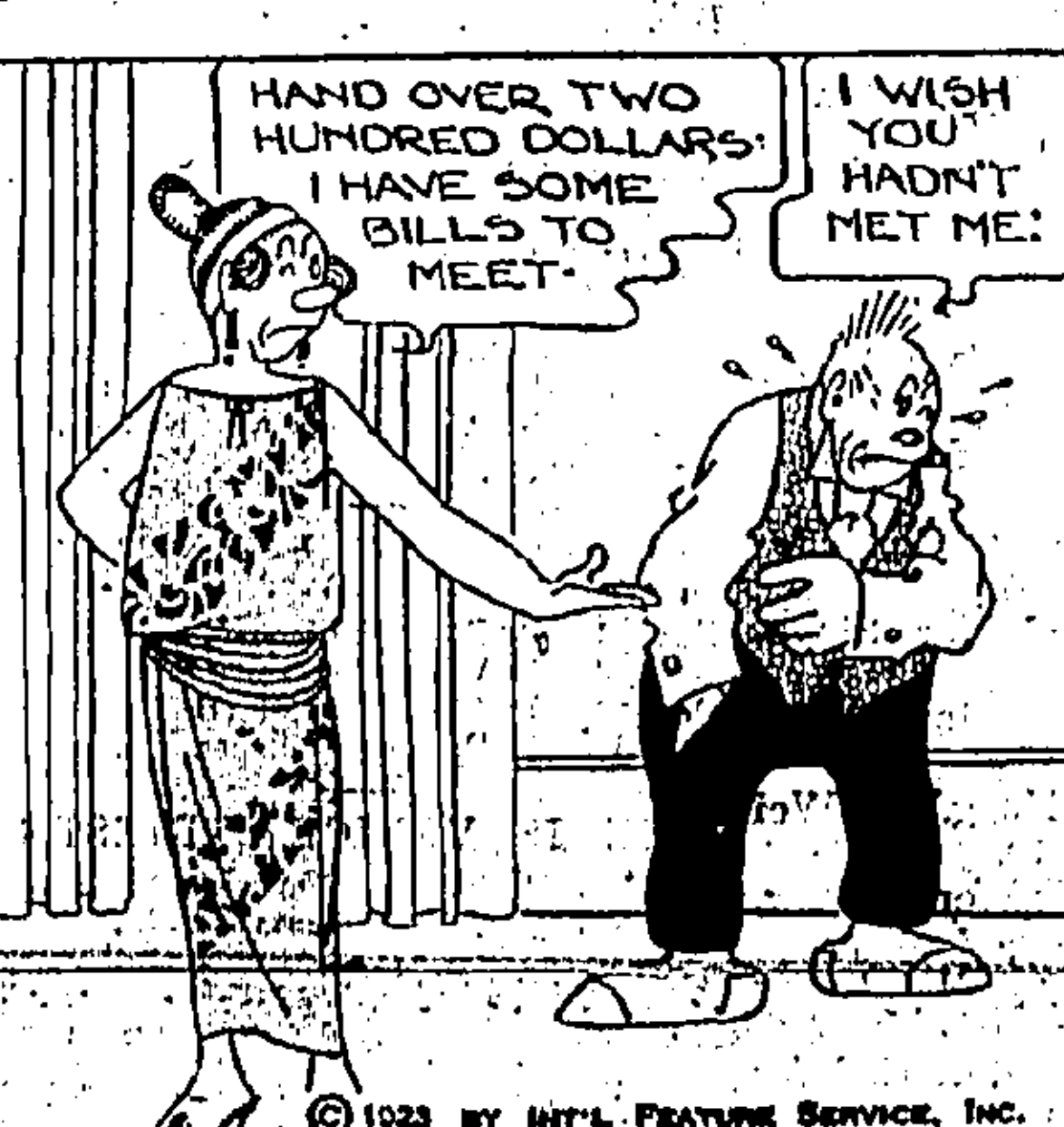
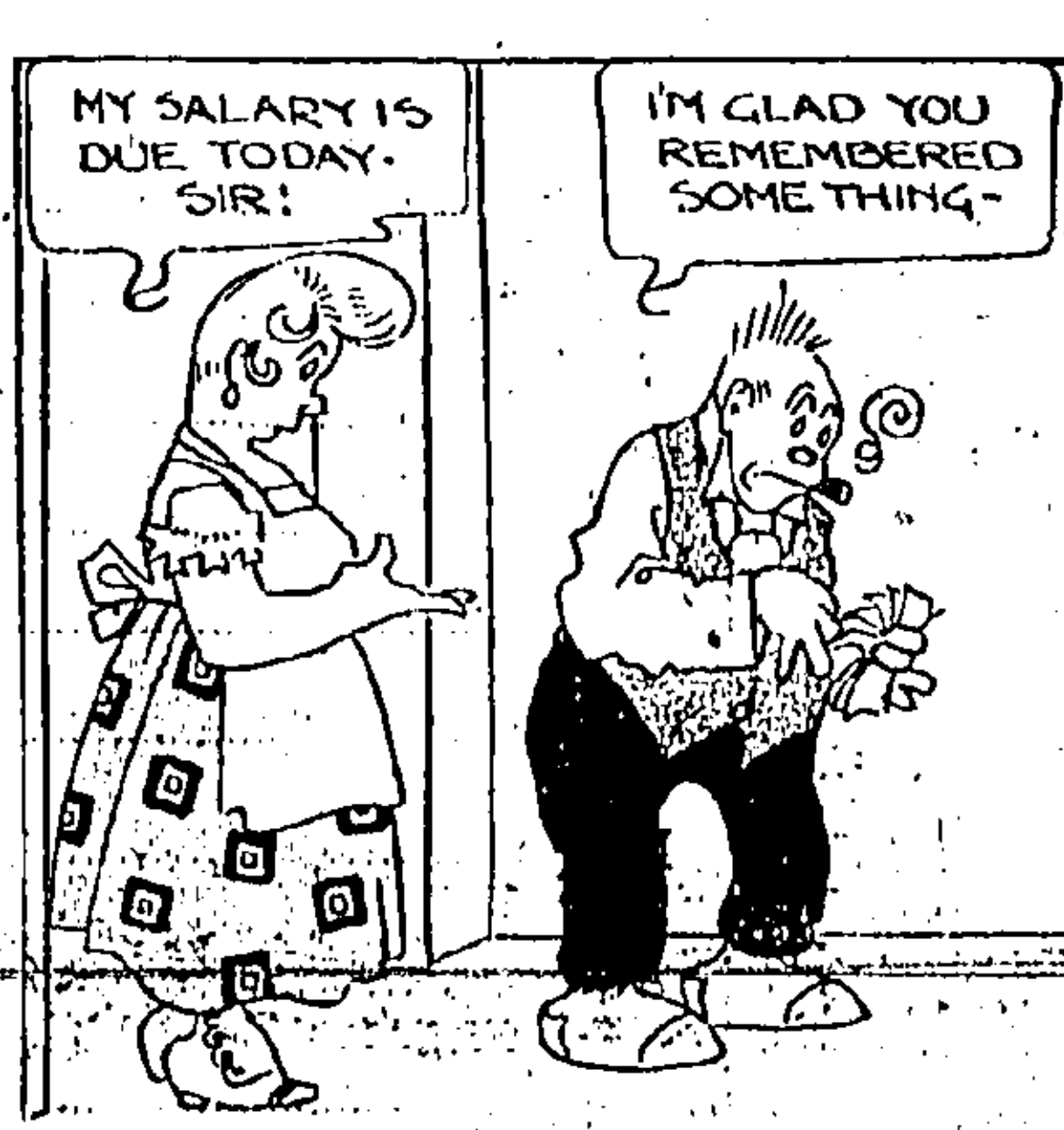
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